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HEREWITH BELGIAN PRESS SUMMARY FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 25  
to 31.

Strides were made this week in accomplishment of  
government business: The House finished voting the  
government's financial proposals almost unanimously,  
including tax on capital; Justice Minister, Marcel  
Gregoire, in maiden speech before Senate, promised  
speeding of purge including release of small fry and  
trials of major offenders beginning in October;

Foreign Minister,

*War*  
*Trials*

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Foreign Minister, Spaak, triumphed in the Senate by getting a unanimous vote of confidence, with one abstention, for his policy on eve of departure for United States to discuss Belgian Lease-Lend credits. Government also announced 20 per-cent raise for state employees to make up for high prices.

Although little direct press comment on end of Lease-Lend, press used device of quoting foreign, particularly, British criticism of decision.

Belgians first reaction was generally surprise at their credit status and then they wanted to know why they hadn't received goods in return. There was also relief at President Truman's statement to Congress on Lend-Lease which was well covered in press.

Belgian press and public were indignant at reports which were not denied that American soldiers had taken German women into Belgium.

There was expectancy over the celebration of the liberation of Brussels on September 3, with plans for parades, military and resistance.

Turning over of "Mystic Lamb" painting to Belgian authorities by US given wide publicity.

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